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Boone Booming--Needs At Graded School.

The thing that impresses every visitor to the town these days is the fact that on every hand there are signs that the town is taking a new lease of life; new buildings are going up on every hand, sidewalks are being built, business is booming. On the less material side, too, there are signs of progress. The Baptists have an exceptionally good church for so small a town; the Methodists are preparing for the erection of a \$20,000 building; and there are rumors of still other churches. The village, also has a very creditable graded school. Few towns of the size are so fortunate in this respect. The community should be, and we believe is, proud of its public school. But the few of us who have taken an active interest in making it what it is, know that there is work ahead, if the school is to keep pace with the demands of our growing town. The enrollment this year will very nearly reach two hundred. We have four rooms, one of which is just being completed. This building is but temporary; it will be overflowing in a year or two. It is full now before the new room is completed. So there is not even a breathing spell before we must begin planning for a bigger building. The question is just what to plan for. Why not a really big thing? With the improved roads that we are to have shortly, it will be an easy thing to have a big district with its center at Boone. The children would easily be brought in school trucks from Rutherford, New River, Middle Fork, Oak Grove, Brushy Fork, Sand, and, perhaps, Deerfield and Maple Springs, and we should have as good a school as the towns of the size of Lenoir and Hickory at a reasonable cost. Not only would Boone have a better school under such a plan, but the efficiency of the other schools, most of which are one teacher schools, would be increased at least two hundred per cent.

This may seem a dream. May be, but one that can rather easily be made a reality. At any rate so nothing has to be done. If the children of Boone are worth educating, then it is time every one who has children, or is interested in his neighbor's children, were thinking. Not only will the house be overflowing before we can build another; but we can no longer hire teachers for the pittance we have been paying. It is foolishness to think of getting teachers that are worth while for less than the unskilled laborer makes on the street or the lumber yard. Boone cannot afford to allow her public school to lag behind her progress in other directions. In the language of the street, "It's time to get busy."

The Silverstone Community Fair.

The first community fair was held at the Silverstone school house Friday October 10. After everything was tested, Dean Swift, one of the former teachers made a talk. Second, a talk by Mr. Alexander Tugman, another former teacher. Third, a talk by Mr. Smith Hagaman, county superintendent. The day was ideal, and the occasion enjoyed by all.

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Until very recent years the small village was often without any form of indoor community recreation--too often without any kind, indoor or outdoor. The moving picture theatre has now supplied the want for most places. But many a village would be better off without any sort of organized recreation than with the sort of pictures it gets. It is lucky if it never gets anything worse than a dramatization of the cheapest kind of dime novel. And the worst of it is the most indecent pictures draw good houses of "respectable" people.

Boone within the last few weeks has arrived at that point in its history where it can for the first time enjoy the distinction of having a moving picture theatre. On Saturday night I found time to witness my first show. I went with some misgiving. "Lone Larry" is not a very promising title. As it turned out I enjoyed the show all the more for this reason. "Lone Larry" proved to be a really good picture, and the "International News" reel was exceptionally fine. There was but a single moment during the entire evening when the most sensitive soul with healthy moral standards could have feared the possibility of a jar. If Messrs Coffey and Ellis can hold the pictures up to anything approximating this standard, they are to be congratulated. R. M. B.

Sound Advice to Church.

Secretary Daniels in his address to the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference qualified, if he had not done so before to be hereafter known as a "blockade preacher," like Mr. Archibald Johnson. While he is a layman, he preached a better sermon than those delivered by some of the ministers themselves and this is no reflection upon the preachers, either.

Seriously, the Navy Secretary said some things worthy of serious consideration. He presented some profound truths in impressive language. In his assertion that "the only answer to bolshevism is Christian justice expressed in the Golden Rule," Mr. Daniels spoke a truth that it would be well in this day of spreading bolshevism for men everywhere inside and outside of the church, to remember. In speaking of the place of the church in present day misunderstandings, he laid down a proposition which even ministers of the Gospel would find it difficult to get around, even if they were so disposed, when he said:

"The day has passed when the Christian illustrates his religion by withdrawal from the hard task of the work-a-day world. The religion that needs a cloister is a hot house product. It will neither attract red-blooded men and women nor give fragrance to any life. To live--I do not mean to merely exist on the momentum of past achievement by saints of the olden days--the church must grapple with the vital problems of today."

This is a truth which is being recognized by that part of the Church which is holding its own and which sooner or later must be recognized by the church as a whole, if it is to maintain its place of power and influence in the world--unless we mistake the signs of the times.--Charlotte Observer.

Wrong Again.

Mr. W. Y. Perry informs us that the Cove Creek community fair was not the first of the community fairs to be held in the western part of the county. The first really occurred two weeks earlier at Silverstone. In addition to creditable exhibits of school work and farm products there was a very interesting collection of old home-made coverlets, counterpanes, etc. Great interest was aroused in the community, and a better fair for next year is already being planned.

Two Good Meetings.

The meeting at Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church began the second Sunday in October 1919. The Pastor was assisted by Rev. G. W. Sebastian of Hays, N. C. There were twenty professions of faith and fifteen joined by baptism.

From there we went to Middle Fork Church and began another series of meetings the third Sunday in October 1919. Here there were eight new members added to the church by baptism and two by letter. Both meetings were largely attended and the churches were greatly revived. I feel that much and lasting good was accomplished.

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E. F. LOVILL

Chairman Board Trustees A. T. S.

NOTICE.
State of North Carolina, Watauga County, in superior court. Chas. H. McGinnis, Virgie Hodges and husband L. F. Hodges, Mrs. Mary McGinnis, Lizzie Cornell and husband Ed Cornell vs. P. M. McGinnis, Me. Holler and wife Jennie Holler, North Harman and husband E. M. Harman, Cora Chapel and husband Frank Chapel, Hannah Heffner and husband Bert Heffner, Dock McGinnis and Jas McGinnis.

The defendants, Hannah Heffner and husband Bert Heffner and Dock McGinnis and James McGinnis will take notice that on the 15th day of October 1919, a summons in said action was issued against the defendants by O. E. Coffey, clerk of the superior court for Watauga County, North Carolina for the partition of real estate in Boone township, Watauga county, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of E. M. Gragg and others, and known as the L. J. McGinnis and Naomi McGinnis home tract, which summons is returnable on the 22 day of Nov. 1919 before the clerk of the superior court for Watauga county, at his office in Boone, N. C. The defendants will also take notice that they are required to appear and answer or demur to the petition of the plaintiffs on said date or the relief demanded will be granted. This Oct. 20, 1919. O. L. COFFEY, C. S. C. T. E. BINGHAM, Attorney.

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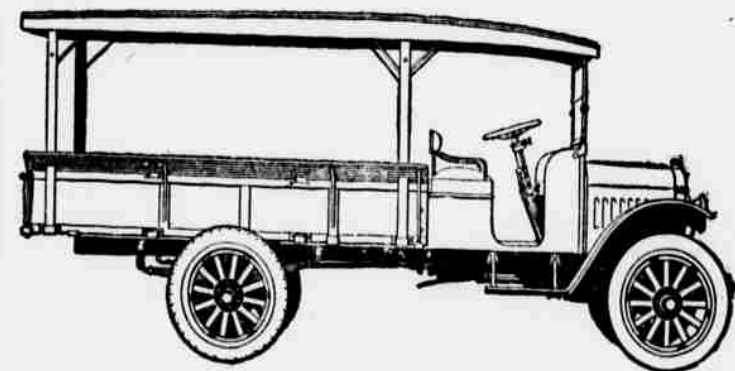
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